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Former CIA Director William Colby will speak at a seminar on George Orwell's celebrated book "1984" scheduled for March 1 and 2 at Casper College.

CC social sciences professor Bruce Tollefson says the seminar will examine intelligence gathering and the use of computers in today's society.

"We want to see if Orwell's predictions, premonitions and warnings or whatever are coming to pass," Tollefson said.

Other speakers scheduled to address the seminar include Houston Police Chief Lee Brown; Frank Snapp, a former CIA analyst who currently teaches classes on censorship and journalism at the University of Southern California; New York Times reporter David Burnham, who specializes in computers and communications; author Leon Martel and Minnesota polygraph specialist David Lykken.

Because the year 1984 has now arrived there have been extensive articles and discussions about Orwell's warnings of a totalitarian society, but Tollefson does not believe people are tired of the subject.

On the contrary, he said the books "is really a major topic of discussion. I see a lot of things that show we are headed in that direction.

"It bothers me when we have central data banks, where we are listed in places we're not even aware of. And I see a lot of politicians doing a lot of what I would call 'doublethink' and 'newspeak.'"

Tollefson said the seminar, funded by \$18,000 in private donations, will be free to the public.